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Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

December 30, 2010

TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner *DLS for RJB*
Director

**SUBJECT: STONYVALE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT (CSD)
(November 30, 2010, Item 74-D)**

On November 30, 2010 your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich directing the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) to prepare a draft CSD and, if necessary, any relevant zone changes or plan amendments that may be required relating to rebuilding in the Stonyvale community. Issues of alternative setbacks, wall heights, and horse-keeping will be thoroughly examined.

The motion also directed DRP to work with Stonyvale community residents and surrounding community stakeholders; to coordinate with the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, and Fire; and to report to your Board every 30 days on progress made. This is the first monthly report.

Since November 30, DRP has undertaken a number of tasks that are summarized below:

1. Prepared working maps of the Stonyvale community to be used for field work and for displaying zoning, General Plan land use policy, existing land use, and building footprints.
2. Researched the geography and other characteristics of the community and summarized this preliminary information, including ownership of properties and community boundaries.
3. Contacted the Vogel Flats Fire Recovery Alliance—comprised of the residents whose homes were destroyed in the Stonyvale community by the Station Fire—

to initiate contact with community representatives. Written correspondence was received from the Alliance on December 6 requesting that alternative setbacks, wall heights, and horse-keeping be considered in the preparation of the CSD.

4. On December 14 made a field visit to the Stonyvale community to meet with community representatives; tour the areas of the community affected by the Station Fire; take photographs of the destroyed properties and affected landscape; and examine Stonyvale Road right of way monuments established by the Department of Public Works road survey in spring 2010.
5. Made initial contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, and Fire. Also made initial contact with the U.S. Forest Service, which is a unique stakeholder as the Stonyvale community is an inholding in the Angeles National Forest.
6. Prepared a tentative work schedule for the development, completion and adoption of the CSD.

Since the Station Fire of August 2009, Stonyvale community members have worked diligently and collaboratively with relevant County departments to assist as appropriate with their efforts to identify and implement solutions that will allow rebuilding. As the Department prepares the Stonyvale CSD it will assess the community's intent and draft relevant development standards. The next monthly progress report on the Stonyvale CSD will be delivered January 30, 2011.

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Since the last report on December 30, 2010, DRP has undertaken a number of tasks that are summarized below:

1. Developed tentative work schedule into a step-by-step work program, showing the necessary tasks, including interdepartmental review and associated timelines needed to carry out the project.
2. Participated in meeting on January 27 with Fifth District staff and Stonyvale stakeholders to discuss the timeline and steps of the CSD preparation process.
3. Coordinated with Public Works and the Assessor to receive corrected Stonyvale parcel boundaries and prepared a draft map to show the parcel boundaries in relationship to the building footprints of homes destroyed in the 2009 Station Fire.

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4. Continued to research the geography and other characteristics of the community, including the collection of building permit history from Public Works and building description history from the Assessor.
5. Continued contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, and Fire.

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March 2, 2011

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Since the last report on January 31, 2011, DRP has undertaken a number of tasks that are summarized below:

1. Prepared draft of the CSD and distributed to DRP staff, County departments, County Counsel, USFS, and community stakeholders for initial review and comment. Following initial review, which will soon be complete, the CSD will be revised as necessary and forwarded to all the aforementioned for further review.
2. Began preparation of staff report and Initial Study.
3. Scheduled DRP management review and DRP Policy and Implementation Review Committee review of the draft CSD on March 7 and 14 respectively.

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4. Scheduled an informational presentation to the RPC on March 23 about the Stonyvale community and preparation of the CSD.
5. Continued contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, Fire, and the Sheriff; USFS; and the Stonyvale community.

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Since the last report on March 2, 2011, the tasks DRP has undertaken are summarized below:

1. Received and reviewed comments from DRP staff, County departments, County Counsel, USFS, and community stakeholders on the draft CSD ordinance. The CSD ordinance is now under final revision and all of the aforementioned parties will receive the final draft for concurrence.
2. Continued preparation of staff report and Initial Study.
3. Conducted DRP management review and DRP Policy and Implementation Review Committee review of the draft CSD on March 7 and 14 respectively.

4. Made an informational presentation to the RPC on March 23 about the Stonyvale community and preparation of the CSD.
5. Continued contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, Fire, and the Sheriff; USFS; and the Stonyvale community.

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Since the last report on March 30, 2011, the tasks DRP has undertaken are summarized below:

1. Conducted required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of the draft CSD ordinance and determined that it is statutorily exempt under the Public Resources Code § 21172, Inapplicability to Project in Emergency Disaster Area; and CEQA Guideline § 15269, Emergency Projects.
2. Prepared public notification materials and scheduled a public hearing about the proposed Stonyvale CSD before the Regional Planning Commission on June 15, 2011. Prior to the hearing date staff will request the Regional Planning Commission to consider a possible field trip to the Stonyvale community on June 4 or June 11.

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3. Continued contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, Fire, and the Sheriff; USFS; and the Stonyvale community.

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Since the last report on May 2, 2011, the tasks DRP has undertaken are summarized below:

1. Scheduled a June 15, 2011 public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed Stonyvale CSD.
2. On May 4, 2011 published a Notice of Public Hearing in the Antelope Valley Press; mailed public hearing notices to all property owners within the proposed CSD, to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the boundary of the proposed CSD, and to other interested parties; and submitted all public hearing materials to the Acton Agua Dulce Library for public review.
3. On May 25, 2011 staff presented a brief overview of the history and intent of the proposed Stonyvale CSD to the RPC and sought its consideration of a field trip to the community of Stonyvale. A resident of the Stonyvale community was present

at the RPC meeting and offered to show the Commissioners a short video of the community before and after the 2009 Station Fire. The Commissioners agreed to view the video during their meeting and upon completion of their viewing felt a field trip would not be necessary.

4. Completed research into the question raised by Commissioners at the March 23, 2011 RPC meeting regarding emergency early warning systems for remote communities such as Stonyvale. While the Fire Department does not require such systems to be installed by developers of new projects or residents building single-family homes in remote areas, the County Office of Emergency Management has coordinated the implementation of an emergency mass notification system that is used to contact County residents and businesses via recorded phone messages, text messages or e-mail messages in case of emergency. This system, known as Alert LA County, utilizes telephone companies' 911 databases and is able to contact land-line telephone numbers, whether listed or unlisted. Alert LA County has the added capacity of allowing cell phone numbers, voice over IP phone numbers, and e-mail addresses to be registered for use in the system. Further information about Alert LA County can be found at the Office of Emergency Management website <http://lacoa.org/>.
5. Continued contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, Fire, and the Sheriff; USFS; and the Stonyvale community.

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Since the last report on May 31, 2011, the tasks DRP has undertaken are summarized below:

1. Conducted a public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) on June 15, 2011 about the proposed Stonyvale CSD. The RPC unanimously approved a resolution to establish the CSD and to forward the proposed CSD ordinance to your Board for consideration in a public hearing.
2. Prepared a draft transmittal of materials necessary for your Board to schedule a public hearing to consider the Stonyvale CSD. The transmittal of materials will be finalized and distributed during the first week of July.

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